DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Request for Qualifications
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A Request for Qualifications for a consultant to support the development of Charlotte's Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan was posted on July 6, 2018. [View the posting here.](#)

The Comprehensive Plan will guide growth, the evolution of our community's built character and capital investments throughout Charlotte and our Extra Territorial Jurisdictions. The plan will also inform the creation of a Unified Development Ordinance – a key implementation tool for achieving the community vision for the physical development of our city.

The selected consultant will assist staff in integrating numerous plans, policies and strategies into one comprehensive framework that links to implementation strategies with measurable outcomes. This work will require aligning and/or updating existing plans as well as filling policy gaps. Continuous and robust community engagement will also play a role in developing the plan.

Staff anticipates seeking council approval of the contract in August or September 2018. The Transportation and Planning Committee, as well as full council, will be updated on the progress of the plan.

City Code of Ordinances Changes
Staff resource: Pamela Wideman, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director, 704-336-3488, pwideman@charlottenc.gov

On Sept. 11, 2017, City Council approved an update of Chapter 10 of the City Code, which regulates Health and Sanitation. This update created stand-alone ordinances for both Solid Waste Services and Code Enforcement in order to address solid waste fees and update outdated information.

Staff began enforcing the new guidelines on July 1, 2018. Property owners previously identified as chronic and repeat offenders were notified in advance of enforcement of the new guidelines. As of July 6, no one has been issued an increased fine.

Notable impactful changes include:

- An increase in fines from $50 to $150 for most violations. These may include, but not be limited to, curbside violations, neglect of premises, obstructions of rights-of-way and overgrown vegetation.
- A property owner who received four or more violations on the same property in the previous calendar year is now defined as a repeat offender.
- A repeat offender who receives a violation on a property that earned a violation in the previous calendar year is now defined as a chronic offender.

- An increase in fines for repeat and chronic offenders to $250 for the fourth offense and $500 for each subsequent offense, in addition to immediate contracting of the property.

CATS Public Meetings for LYNX Red Line, LYNX West Corridor and Center-City Integration
Staff resource: John Lewis, Transit Director, 704-336-3855, john.lewis@charlottenc.gov

Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is hosting a series of public meetings to share information with residents on proposed transit alternatives.

The meetings will inform the community on feedback received from surveys conducted in fall 2017 and provide citizens with an opportunity to provide input on options presented. Staff will also share more information on Center City rail integration strategies and Envision My Ride.

View the public meetings schedule here.

CityLYNX Gold Line Construction Update – Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20
Staff resource: John Lewis, Transit Director, 704-336-3855, john.lewis@charlottenc.gov

Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) will provide ongoing updates (as needed) to council on the status of the Gold Line construction project. Below is the most current summary of work taking place.

New project updates

- East Eighth Street between Oakland Avenue and Hawthorne Lane reopened on Thursday, July 5.

- Two additional westbound West Trade Street lane closures went into effect on Tuesday, July 10. A third additional westbound West Trade Street closure between College and Tryon streets has been rescheduled until Thursday, July 19. Closure information can be found here.